

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the abstract in its entirety with the following.

Pharmacologically active compounds are prepared by (a) selecting at least one peptide that modulates the activity of AGP-3, (b) preparing a gene construct that comprises at least one said selected sequence, and (c) expressing the pharmacologically active compound in which an Fc domain is covalently linked to the selected peptide. The pharmacologic agent can be expressed in *E. coli*.